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Pioneer Days entertainment to feature U.S. Air Force Band

Stephen Gallinot, first vice president and entertainment chairman of Carbondale Pioneer Days has completed booking of major bands for the August 23 to 28 Fourth Annual Pioneer Days community celebration.

The weeklong affair will again feature more than 40 hours of free nightly entertainment from the Pioneer Days Showmobiles.

Headline bands will be "The Brass Majors," "The Henry Charles Orchestra," "Eddie Day & TNT," "The Poets," and "Old Friends," the popular bluegrass group which shared the bill at the Pioneer Days' recent Tom T. Hall Show.

In addition, the United States Air Force Band of the East will make its second appearance at Pioneer Days. Gallinot said the band, from McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, will perform two concerts. The first will be Friday, August 27, and the second Saturday, August 28. The band will also participate in the Fourth Annual Pioneer Days Parade August 28.

Gallinot also said that again this year seating for the Friday performance of the Air Force Band will be reserved for the benefit of the community's senior citizens.

In addition to the major bands -- each of whom will perform in four-hour concerts from 8 p.m. to midnight each night -- Gallinot will have opening acts consisting of magicians, singing groups, karate exhibitions, and others. In all, 42 hours of free entertainment is planned.

Meanwhile, Joseph Bianco, second vice president and concessions chairman, has reminded those intending to have stands at Pioneer Days that the deadline for payment of stand space was June 1. Priority is given to those who had stands at the first three Pioneer Days, but after June 1 no guarantees for space will be given.

The Pioneer Days Committee expects to announce this year's parade grand marshall by June 30.

Pioneer Days is a non-profit community celebration. Those wishing information about this year's celebration may contact the committee by writing to Carbondale Pioneer Days, Box 1, Carbondale, Pa.

'More than 50 concession applications have been distributed and most have been returned. Those who have applications but have not returned this are advised to do so this week in order to be sure of having a stand this year.